

S/N 09/599,808

Response to Office Action Dated 12/08/2003

**RECEIVED**  
**CENTRAL FAX CENTER**

APR 23 2004

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

1 Application Serial No. ....09/599,808  
 2 Filing Date ..... 06/21/2000  
 3 Inventorship.....Matthew J. Kotler  
 4 Applicant.....Microsoft Corporation  
 5 Confirmation Number .....8044  
 6 Group Art Unit .....2176  
 7 Examiner .....Paul Nguyen-Ba  
 8 Attorney's Docket No. ....MS1-558US  
 9 Title: Spreadsheet Fields in Text

**OFFICIAL****RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED 12/08/2003**

10 To: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
 11 Washington, D.C. 20231

12 From: David S. Thompson (Tel. 509-324-9256; Fax 509-323-8979)  
 13 Customer No. 22801

14 Sir:

15 In response to the Office Action of 12/08/2003, please amend the above-  
 16 identified application as follows:

17 **Amendment** to the Abstract was made on page 3 of this paper. Amendments to the  
 18 claims are reflected by the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

19 **Remarks/Arguments** start on page 25 of this paper.  
 20

05/25/2004 KWATSON 00000002 120769 09599808

01 FC:1252 20.00 DA  
 02 FC:1202 36.00 DA  
 03 FC:1201 30.00 DA

**BEST AVAILABLE COPY**